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Opposition Light at Oil Hearing

Council to Get Oil Field Case

Because only one person appeared Monday night in support of a proposed new oil ordinance for the Torrance oil fields, a "no recommendation" report will be sent to the City Council by the Torrance Planning Commission.

Although residents of the area had complained that present city regulations on oil producing areas are inadequate, only one person spoke for the ordinance.

County to Seek Harbor Hospital Maternity Ward

Unanimous approval was given Tuesday by the Board of Supervisors to Supervisor Burton W. Chace's request that the County seek \$35,000 from special State funds for the construction of an obstetrical ward to meet the growing needs at Harbor General Hospital.

According to Chace, the funds sought by the County would come from what is known as "Chapter 20" funds of the State of California, which were set up in 1946 to aid public bodies in the construction of hospital facilities.

The County, Chace said, is prepared to match the funds and will begin immediate construction of the ward as soon as the money is made available. Chace said the construction of the obstetrical ward is one part of an extensive expansion program for Harbor General Hospital to be carried on in the next two or three years.

3 Homes Hit By Burglar

Three southwest Torrance homes were burglarized Monday afternoon by a prowler who removed the screens from windows and ransacked the bedrooms, Torrance police reported.

A \$100 wrist watch, rifle, and \$1.50 in change were taken from the home of Louis Miklovik, of 2303 Kathryn Ave., after the bedrooms were ransacked. Mrs. Paul J. Taylor, of 23026 Kathryn Ave., reported that \$10 in change had been taken from her home after it had been thoroughly searched.

An old watch, valued at \$5, was taken from the Carl Crain residence at 22518 Ladene Ave. by a burglar who pried off the screen.

Neighbors reported seeing a young boy hanging around near the burglarized homes.



(Herald photo) DR. CRAIG THOMAS ... Joins School Staff

Thomas Named To School Post

A veteran educator has been named administrative assistant to Superintendent of Schools J. H. Hull, in charge of curriculum for secondary schools.

Dr. Craig Thomas, whose hiring was authorized by the Board of Education at its last meeting, was introduced at the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee meeting Tuesday.

He will work on the curriculum of the high schools in Torrance, in a capacity similar to that of Director of Instruction Walter Rehboldt, who handles elementary work.

Writing Report

He is currently winding up the job of writing a revision of the state organization of public education in California, as it relates to the role and relation of the state, county, and local districts. The project is being carried out under the California Assn. of School Administrators, with whom he is also a research consultant.

He has been both a junior and senior high school principal, and was director of Compton College and principal of Compton High School. He is a former director of instruction and chairman of the graduate council at Arizona State College.

Taught in College

A graduate of Stanford, he has both master's and doctor's degrees from University of Southern California, and has taught at USC and Long Beach State College.

His father, Dr. Frank W. Thomas, was president of Fresno State College for 24 years, and his brother, Dr. Lawrence G. Thomas, is professor of education at Stanford.

He is the author of a number of articles in educational publications.

A resident of Portuguese Bend, he is married and has a son in the Air Force.

Chace Asks Jury Probe On Rubbish

County Supervisor Burton W. Chace Tuesday called for a Grand Jury probe of allegations by certain officials that the prohibition of backyard burning will open the door to Eastern gangsters who seek to gain control of the collection and disposal of rubbish in Los Angeles.

"I want the Grand Jury to determine whether there is any foundation to these charges or whether they are merely a smoke screen thrown up by those in industry who are effected by the Board's order concerning backyard burning," Chace declared.

"Acting on the advice of the Nation's leading scientists, the Board of Supervisors has found it necessary in its attempt to combat air pollution to strike out against one of the alleged contributing factors—the backyard incinerator which, according to the Air Pollution Control District, is responsible for the emission of 131 tons of visible pollutants daily plus a substantial amount of organic compounds which are believed to add to the health problems in air pollution," Chace stated.

According to the Supervisor, a large number of cities in the County are cooperating with the Air Pollution Control District and are prepared to solve their own collection and disposal problem.

Polio Shots Halted for More Study

The local polio inoculation program has been halted until further notice from the Federal Government and state and local health authorities. Dr. Benjamin A. Kogan, local health officer said yesterday.

National authorities recommended that the program be discontinued until further checks are made on serum prepared by national manufacturers. Nearly half of the youngsters in this area received the vaccine before the program was stopped.

Dr. Jonas Salk this week indicated that no ill effects would follow for those children who have received one shot so far. No cases of polio have been reported in the Torrance area since the vaccine was administered.

Four Boys Seek Companion, But Find Police

A north Torrance housewife this week received a phone call making several lewd suggestions to her.

"Sure," she said, "Come on over to my house."

As the teenage caller and three companions knocked on the door of the home, they found Capt. Ernie Ashton, of the Torrance Police Department, instead of the housewife.

Taken to the Police Department for questioning, the boys admitted that they had made a number of lewd phone calls which had been reported in recent weeks. They would dial numbers at random and make the calls, they said. They were turned over to juvenile authorities for action.

4TH RABID DOG FOUND IN DISTRICT

Another rabid dog has been found in the Torrance Health District, but it has not come into any known contact with either humans or other animals, Dr. Benjamin A. Kogan, local health officer, said yesterday.

The dog, which died after being held for observation, was owned by Wayne Gow, of 4201 W. 165th St., Lawndale. A Boston bull, the dog was kept in the yard of its owner and later taken to the Yukon Shelter.

Three other dogs in Torrance have died of rabies within the last two weeks, and 17 persons have received rabies shots after coming into contact with the dogs. No new cases have been reported in the last week, however.

4-Year-Old Bitten, Red Cat Sought

A search for "a red cat" which bit the four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Hattem, of 2804 W. 175th St., was launched this week in an effort to ward off the painful sores of rabies shots for the lad.

Bitten nearly two weeks ago, the boy described the cat only as "a red cat," his father told the Herald yesterday.

Anyone knowing of such a cat, especially one which has been stricken with rabies recently, is being asked to contact the Hattem family in an effort to identify the one which bit the boy.

Guard Units Draw Praise Of Wentworth

Hampden Wentworth, president of Longren Aircraft Co., this week was high in his praise of the activities and accomplishments of the National Guard in general and the Torrance unit specifically.

Wentworth's statement was included in a talk to executives of Longren urging them to encourage participation of Associates in the military reserve and National Guard programs. Longren employs over 250 persons of which 60 per cent are veterans. Many younger associates have left for military duty in recent months.

Wentworth, in his talk, cited response by members of the local E Company of the 132nd Armored Engineer Battalion of the 40th Division of the California National Guard during the Civil Defense "Operation Dominguez" last month.

"In common with National Guard units all over the area, E Company was on the job in a matter of minutes. No wonder we have confidence in our National Guard," he said. All qualified Longren associates are being encouraged to see the local National Guard recruiter.

Hubcaps Lifted

Four hubcaps were stolen from his car as it was parked in front of 16519 Wilton Pl., Art Russell, of 3430 W. 172nd St., reported to Torrance Police Wednesday.



GLENN KOGER ... New vice president

Koger Elected Vice President Of Rome Cable

Glenn Koger, general manager of the Torrance plant of the Rome Cable Corp., was named vice president of the national firm by action of the board of directors in Rome, N.Y., Friday.

An executive at the local plant, at 1718 W. 213th St., since last July, he has been with the company since March, 1954. He was formerly vice president in charge of copper products for Walker Brothers, electrical construction manufacturer.

During the Korean War, he served as a member of the National Advisory Committee of the Insulated Wire Industry, working with both the National Production Authority and the Office of Price Stabilization.

He will continue as manager of the Torrance plant, with the added title. A resident of Palos Verdes Estates, he is a member of the Torrance Rotary Club.

Cash, Check Stolen

A \$95 check, \$40 in cash, and various personal papers were stolen from his home by a burglar who came in through the bedroom window, Fermin Lujan Montoya, of 1545 W. 254th St., told sheriff's deputies Monday. Both bedrooms of his home were ransacked, he said.

Scholarship Awarded

Shirley Schultz, of 23624 Draille Dr., is one of 18 students awarded scholarships to Palos Verdes College for next year. Miss Schultz received a renewal of her scholarship for upper division studies in the human relations field.

Palos Verdes Drops Buffer

City officials and representatives of developers in the Palos Verdes area got down to the serious business of reaching an agreement on annexation of the unincorporated peninsula area to Torrance following action of the Palos Verdes City Council Tuesday evening in withdrawing all annexation proceedings by that body.

The resending of plans to annex a buffer strip across the north end of the peninsula removed the main obstacle to the annexation of the area to Torrance.

Although no announcement has been made on the matter, it is possible that the Palos Verdes Properties, Inc., could abandon plans to annex the area by election and return to the original proposal to annex as uninhabited territory. Some changes in boundary would be necessitated by this move.

In the meantime, a series of meetings between developers and subdividers of the area and officials of the city has been started to negotiate terms of an annexation.

Conditions Listed

A list of things to consider has been handed to the peninsula officials by City Manager George Stevens, included in the city manager's list were:

1. Conformance with all city ordinances relative to subdivisions (sidewalks, curbs and gutters, etc).
2. A \$100 assessment on the net acreage for development to be used for park and recreation area development.
3. A service charge of some sort to offset cost of furnishing municipal services to the new homes during the period prior to the receipt by the city of tax monies on the property.
4. Payment for water company franchise in area under same conditions that other franchise holders pay the city of Torrance.

5. Availability of 10 or 25 acres of pit area in the mine section of the peninsula to use as a cut and cover dump to handle trash and refuse from the area.

6. Owners consent to absorb proportionate share of outstanding school and municipal bonds.

7. Provision for two school sites and pegging of other site prices pending future acquisition by the school and city for public use.

8. Provision of a central park area of 35 or 40 acres.

9. Extension of Hawthorne Ave. through from south Torrance to handle flow of traffic originating in the development.

10. Provision of central civic center for library, fire station, and other municipal services.

Sitting in on meetings to reach an agreement on these matters will be representatives of the McCarthy Co. and Grandview Builders, both developing housing in the area at the present time.

Concessions Offered

Read into the record at the Palos Verdes City Council Tuesday evening was a letter originating with principals of the peninsula developers which offered several concessions to Palos Verdes in development of the adjoining area.

The developers said lots adjoining Palos Verdes boundary would not be less than 9000 square feet, and that houses would be constructed to sell at a price range approaching \$20,000. Also agreed, according to the letter, would be the barricading of all but five streets between the two areas. Three streets would remain open to the south of Palos Verdes, and two on the east. Other matters related to schools, highways, and extension of Hawthorne Ave.

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BOND SALE GIVEN OK

Authorization for the issuance and sale of an additional \$1,600,000 in school bonds for Torrance schools was given Tuesday by Supervisor Burton W. Chace.

The money will be used for purchased of sites and construction of new schools. Schools now in various stages of planning, include, the Sepulveda School, near Sepulveda and Anza; Arlington, at 178th and Arlington Ave.; and South Torrance High School, on Pacific Coast Hwy.



PLAN DEBATE ON UN ... Members of Republicans Unlimited plan a public debate soon on charter amendment proposals for UN. Shown here discussing plans for the meeting are Mrs. William Buchanan, press chairman; Ellen Harlow, special reports chairman; and John C. Robb, president of Republicans Unlimited. (Story on Page 29).



A SALUTE TO CHEMISTRY ... Members of Shell Chemical Corp. staff and Chamber of Commerce representatives check a graphic flow chart showing how synthetic rubber is made. Left to right, are G. S. Williamson, plant superintendent of Shell Torrance; Art Osea, manager of the California Bank and chairman of the breakfast program; Maarten Voigt, plant manager of Shell Torrance; and Paul Loranger, president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.